

REMARKS

Applicants hereby add claims 64 - 65. Therefore, claims 46-49, 59-61 and 64-65 are presently before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

As stated previously, Applicants' claims 46-49 and 59-61 are identical to claims 1-4 and 14-16 respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,591,196 to Yakhini et al ("Yakhini"), issued July 8, 2003. Applicants new claims 64 - 65 are identical to claims 1 to 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,768,820 to Yakhini et al ("Yakhini"), issued July 27, 2004. These claims were copied after the previous preliminary amendment was filed.

The amendments to the specification is being submitted, along with a Petition To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim Of Priority, and an Application Data Sheet to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/699,852 and its parent applications.

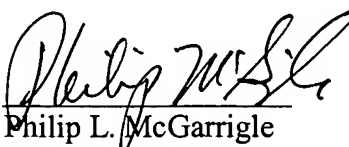
A Request for the Declaration of Interference is concurrently filed herewith.

Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested.

No new fees are believed to be due with the filing of this document. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

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